

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended): A porous substrate comprising:

a porous fabric having first and second outer surfaces and an interior, said fabric comprising thermoplastic polymer fibers having a denier less than about 15 and having a thickness of at least about 50 mils; and

a topically applied active agent located on the surface of said fibers and distributed through out the thickness of said fabric, wherein the ratio of weight % active agent on the upper half of the fabric to the lower half of the fabric does not exceed 3:1, and further wherein the fabric demonstrates greater amounts of active agent on the interior, relative to those amounts exposed on the fabric's outer surfaces.

2. (Original): The porous substrate of claim 1 wherein said fabric comprises a nonwoven web and wherein the weight % active agent on the upper half of the fabric to the lower half of the fabric does not exceed about 2:1 and further wherein the relative amount of active agent upon fiber surfaces increase from the first outer surface to the second outer surface forming a gradient through the fabric thickness.

3. (Original): The porous substrate of claim 2 wherein said fabric comprises a nonwoven web of thermoplastic fibers having a denier less than about 10 and a density between about 0.2 g/cm³ and about 0.008 g/cm³.

4. (Original): The porous substrate of claim 3 wherein said nonwoven web has a thickness in excess of about 100 mils and comprises crimped polyolefin spunbond fibers.

5. (Original): The porous substrate of claim 3 wherein said fabric has a thickness in excess of about 100 mils and comprises crimped staple fibers.

6. (Original): The porous substrate of claim 1 wherein the relative amount of active agent upon fibers forming both of said outer surfaces of said fabric is less than the amount upon fibers within the interior of said fabric.

7. (Original): The porous substrate of claim 6 wherein said active agent comprises a wetting agent and further wherein said fabric comprises a nonwoven web with a thickness of at least about 100 mils and comprises thermoplastic polymer fibers having a denier less than about 10 and further wherein the ratio of weight % active agent on the upper half of the fabric to the lower half of the fabric does not exceed about 2:1.

8. (Currently Amended): A porous substrate comprising:

a fabric having first and second outer surfaces which define the fabric thickness, and a fabric interior, said fabric having inter-connecting interstitial spaces through-out the thickness of said fabric and wherein said fabric has a density between about 0.2 g/cm^3 and about 0.008 g/cm^3 and further has first and second regions which extend in the machine-direction and cross-machine direction of the fabric;

said first region, having first and second outer surfaces and an interior, said first region having a thickness of at least about 50 mils and having an active agent on surfaces of fibers distributed through out the thickness of the fabric and wherein and the ratio of weight % active agent on the upper half of the first region to the lower half of the first region does not exceed 3:1; . and further wherein the first region demonstrates greater amounts of active agent on the first region's interior, relative to those amounts exposed on the first region's outer surfaces.

said second region having a thickness of at least about 50 mils and having active agent on surfaces of fibers comprising the fabric and wherein the ratio of weight percent active agent on the upper half of the second region to the lower half of the second region is greater than 3:1.

9. (Original): The porous substrate of claim 8 wherein said second region is adjacent an edge of said fabric.

10. (Original): The porous substrate of claim 9 wherein the ratio of weight % active agent on the upper half of the second region to the lower half of the fabric is greater than about 4:1 and further

wherein the ratio of weight % active agent on the upper half of the first region to the lower half of the region is less than about 2:1.

11. (Original): The porous substrate of claim 10 further comprising a third region substantially similar to the second region and wherein said second and third regions are located at opposed edges of the fabric and wherein said first region is disposed along the central region of the fabric, and further wherein said active agent comprises a wetting agent.

12 – 25. (Canceled)